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SUBJ: IRAN- IRAQ NEGOTIATIONS

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1. DURING DISCUSSION MAY 15 WITH ITALIAN CHARGE DE FRANCHIS ON IRAN- IRAQ RELATIONS, HE PASSED ON SUMMARY OF REPORT JUST RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY BAGHDAD GIVING IRAQI VERSION OF SEVERAL ASPECTS OF SECRET GENEVA TALKS WITH IRAN (REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN EMBASSY REPORTS IRAQIS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IRAN HAD PROPOSED RE- ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT " PREVIOUS LEVEL", PRESUMABLY MEANING CHARGE LEVEL, BUT IRAQ IS OPPOSED.

3. ON SHATT AL- ARAB ISSUE IRAQIS STATE THEY PROPOSED THAT THIS PROBLEM BE NEGOTIATED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF 1937 TREATY. THIS WOULD INVOLVE IRAN RECOGNIZING TREATY, WHICH COULD THEN BE AMENDED TO REFLECT WHATEVER AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ON USE OF RIVER. IRAN' S REPLY WAS TO EFFECT TREATY WAS " NULL AND VOID" AND COULD NOT BE USED AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

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4. REFERRING TO RUMORS THAT EGYPT HAD ACTED AS
GO- BETWEEN TO SET UP GENEVA TALKS, ITALIAN CHARGE
SAID HE HAD RECENTLY ASKED EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ANWAR
ABOUT THIS. ANWAR SAID EGYPT HAD TOLD BOTH IRAQ AND
IRAN IT WAS READY AT ANY TIME TO ACT AS GO BETWEEN TO
PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONS BUT HAD NOT PLAYED ROLE IN
ARRANGING GENEVA MEETING.
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